Spotlight on Paul Jung

Paul is a very active American clay pipe researcher whose interest has expanded to studying a variety of European pipe industries.

As a student, he developed an early fascination with archaeology when a classmate displayed "Indian arrowheads" found on his family's farm. Later he was invited by another friend to walk fields hunting for Indian artifacts and developed a deeper appreciation and interest in archaeology.

In 1977, he joined a local Archaeological Society. He served a number of years as vice president of the society. During one of the meetings, a member brought in a collection of historic clay pipes from the Pamplin, Virginia, area. Soon afterwards, during a trip to Pamplin, Paul began to build his reference pipe collection. This early Pamplin exposure developed into a life-long research interest in the clay tobacco pipe industry.

Paul has made numerous research trips to New England, Virginia, North Carolina, and most recently England in search of primary information on the clay tobacco pipe industry. He searches for research material on long forgotten clay pipemakers, which he then shares with others through publication. Paul has contributed several articles to the Historic Clay Tobacco Pipe Studies series, self-published his own research, and reprinted several antique trade catalogues with accompanying historical research. This published material adds to the understanding of the clay pipe and the smoking pipe industry in general.

Paul continues to actively study the United States and European clay tobacco pipe industries. A monograph resulting from that research is titled Pollocks of Manchester: Three Generations of Clay Tobacco Pipe Makers (2003) which is the most comprehensive published history of a clay tobacco pipe manufacturer.

He has given numerous presentations to local archaeological and historical groups on the history of the clay tobacco pipe industry and has demonstrated clay tobacco pipemaking. Paul is also called upon to help identify and date clay pipes found on various archaeological sites.

Paul is an active member several societies (Society for Clay Pipe Research, Society for Historical Archaeology, Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake, and the Archaeological Society of Maryland).

Publications

1986  An Akron Smoking Pipe Company Shipping Box. Historic Clay Tobacco Pipes Studies 3:76-78
1989  George Zorn & Co. Fifth Edition Catalogue of Pipes and Smoker Articles, c1892 [with added company history ( wholesale tobacconist catalogue)].
1992  Kaldenberg & Son Mfrs. of Genuine Meerschaum Pipes, 1868 [with added company history. (manufacturer catalogue)].
1996  1882 New Hampshire Auction Poster Reprint - "Assignees' Sale of the John Taber Pipe Mill".